Golden Age Passport

What is it?

The Golden Age Passport is a lifetime entrance pass to most national parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas, and national wildlife refuges that charge an entrance fee.

The Golden Age Passport admits the **passport holder** and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle. Where entry is not by private vehicle, the passport admits the **passport holder**, spouse, and children.

The Golden Age Passport also provides a 50% discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, parking, boat launching, and cave tours. It does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners. 2

How do I get one?

A Golden Age Passport may be obtained IN PERSON at any federal area where an entrance fee is charged or at the agency listed below. There is a one-time \$10 processing charge to obtain the Golden Age Passport. It is available only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 years old or older. You must show proof of age such as a driver's license, a birth certificate or a similar document.

The Golden Age Passport can be obtained from the park attendant at the individual park sites or the Public Affairs Office in Detroit.

- 1) In some cases where use fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50% reduction, for example, cave tours, elevator services, or group camping.
- 2) The Forest Service requires private concession operators of federally owned campgrounds on national forest lands to provide a 50% discount in the recreation use fee to Golden Age Passport holders.

For additional information contact the Detroit District Public Affairs Office

Related links:

Info about the Federal Recreation Passport Program http://usparks.miningco.com/library/weekly/aa091398.htm

Nation Park Reservation Service info http://usparks.about.com/library/weekly/aa041299.htm?pid=4538&cob=home